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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Eternal God, through Whom we see what we could be and what we can become, thank You for giving us another day.

In these days, our Nation is faced with pressing issues, including, once again, a troubling impasse. Grant wisdom, knowledge, and understanding to Members of each party, as well as an extra measure of charity, that a workable solution can be reached to the benefit of all Americans.

Help us all to be patient, yet resolute in the desire to do what is the right thing to do, however Your inspiration might impel.

And may all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from Indiana (Mrs. BROOKS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable ORRIN G. HATCH, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Honorable JOHN A. BOEHNER, Speaker of the House of Representatives:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
Washington, DC, February 27, 2015.

APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

Pursuant to section 201(a)(2) of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 601), the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President pro tempore of the Senate hereby jointly appoint Dr. Homer Keith Hall as Director of the Congressional Budget Office, effective April 1, 2015, for the term expiring January 3, 2019.

ORRIN G. HATCH,
President Pro Tempore
of the Senate.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

NET NEUTRALITY

(Mr. MCCLINTOCK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, the Obama majority on the FCC seized unprecedented control over the Internet under the guise of "net neutrality."

Net neutrality is the notion that the latest cat video is of equal importance to a teleconference consultation for a heart patient. To impose this leftist ideology on the Internet, the FCC has just placed it under the same stifling regulatory structure as the phone company or broadcast stations.

This gives them potential control over content and it destroys the price-driven incentives for innovation, expansion, speed, economy, and service that Americans have long enjoyed. It means higher costs as government piles on new fees. It means slowed expansion as the natural incentives to invest are stifled. Europe operates under this sort of regulatory scheme, and its Internet service is conspicuously inferior, slower, and ponderous.

The reason the Internet has grown and thrived is because government has kept its fat, corrupt, incompetent hands off of it. That era ended yesterday, and that is a shame.

PUBLIC APOLOGY TO THE HONORABLE KEVIN MCCARTHY

(Mr. HOYER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to publicly apologize to Leader MCCARTHY for a remark I made to myself that was picked up by the House microphone yesterday.

It was said out of frustration and anger, it was wrong, and I have apologized privately to Mr. MCCARTHY, who I believe is a man of integrity in this House.

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